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In re Application of :
Martin QUIBELL, et al. :
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For: AUTO-DECONVOLUTING :
COMBINATORIAL LIBRARIES :
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DECISION
ON REQUEST FOR REFUND

This is in response to the "REQUEST FOR REFUND" filed 27 August 2001 in the above-captioned application. Applicants request a refund of \$380.00 (fee code 116) because "Applicants believe there is no extension fee due in this case." The Request for Refund is DISMISSED, without prejudice, as follows:

A review of the application file indicates that the Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) of 18 March 1999 requesting submission of the declaration of the inventors set a one month time limit for response. Since the response to that notice was not filed until 07 June 1999, applicants need to buy a two-months extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, the charging of \$380.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) to applicants' deposit account No. 14-1150 is appropriate.

The application is returned to the DO/EO/US for further processing.

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